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QUOTE

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN SIZE OF ICCS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY LIAISON OFFICER FOR ICCS MAHMOUD HATEF HAS
INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NORTH VIETNAM HAS REQUESTED IRAN TO CONSIDER
REDUCING SIZE OF CONTINGENT IRAN WILL PROVIDE TO ICCS. REQUEST
WHICH CAME VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM NORTH VIETNAM EMBASSY IN PARIS
TO IRANIAN EMBASSY IN FRENCH CAPITAL CLAIMS THAT ICCS HAS NOW
REPEAT NOW ACCOMPLISHED THE BULK OF ITS TASK AND EXPERIENCE ON
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GROUND INDICATES A REDUCTION IN ICCS IS IN ORDER. REDUCTION OF

ICCS PERSONNEL IS CALLED FOR UNDER ARTICLE 7 OF THE ICCS PROTOCOL WHICH PROVIDES FOR CONTINUATION OF ICCS SIZE. NORTH VIETNAMESE NOTE ASSERTS THAT U.S.G. HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT REDUCTION. HATEF SAID PRELIMINARY IRANIAN REACTION WOULD BE TO GO ALONG WITH A REDUCTION BUT VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES WERE URGENTLY NEEDED BEFORE ANY GOI DECISION MADE.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EARLY RESPONSE FOR PASSING TO IRANIANS.
HELMS UNQUOTE RUSH

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